

REMARKS

The present remarks are in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2005. Claims 1-31 are now pending in this case. No claims have been amended. However, all claims are included herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Claims 1-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,700,888 to Jonsson combined with U.S. Patent No. 6,680,921 to Svanbro. The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

The Office Action discusses a rejection of independent claims 1, 7, 9, 17, and 25 and asserts, at the top of page 3 of the Office Action, that Jonsson discloses the extraction of a header from information "extracted from initial call establishment negotiation." This is incorrect. The section of Jonsson cited in the Office Action, column 4, lines 5-19 merely summarize the process performed by Jonsson in extracting and altering all header fields. Jonsson does not teach or suggest any information extracted from an initial call establishment negotiation, as recited, by way of example, in claim 1. Jonsson does not even address the concept of call context or context identification. It is noteworthy that a word search of the reference shows that Jonsson does not include the word "context" or the word "initial" or the word "establishment" or the word "negotiation." Indeed, Jonsson does not even include the word "call." Nothing in Jonsson suggest the call context processor of claim 1, which recites *inter alia* an identification module at "associates the context identification with a bearer channel of a call established from the initial call establishment negotiation." Accordingly, claim 1 is clearly allowable over Jonsson.

Claim 7 is directed to a transmission network and recites *inter alia* "a header extractor configured to extract a header from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation." As noted above, Jonsson does not ever discuss any initial call establishment negotiation process and cannot possibly be held to teach or suggest the transmission network recited in claim 7. Accordingly, claim 7 is clearly allowable over Johnson.

Claim 9 is directed to a call context processing method and recites *inter alia* "extracting a header from information extracted from initial call establishment

negotiation.” As discussed above, Johnson does not teach or suggest any process involving initial call negotiation nor an extraction of a header from information extracted from such initial call establishment negotiation. Accordingly, claim 9 is clearly allowable over Jonsson.

Claim 17 is directed to a machine readable medium comprising instructions that *inter alia* “extract a header from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation.” As discussed above, Jonsson does not teach any process to extract a header from information extracted from such an initial call establishment negotiation. Accordingly, claim 17 is clearly allowable over Jonsson.

Claim 25 is directed to a call processing method and recites *inter alia* “extracting a header from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation.” As discussed above, Jonsson does not teach or suggest the extraction of a header from information extracted from such an initial call establishment negotiation. Accordingly, claim 25 is clearly allowable over Jonsson.

The Office Action rejects a number of dependent claims based on the combination of Jonsson and U.S. Patent No. 6,680,921 to Svanbro et al. The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration. As discussed above with respect to the independent claims, Jonsson does not teach or suggest any process by which a header is extracted from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation. The combination of Jonsson and Svanbro do not overcome this deficiency. That is, Svanbro also provides no teaching or suggestion of the extraction of a header from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation. Svanbro briefly discusses the concept of context, but is clearly addressing the problem of lost context in the middle of a communication due to a lost data packet. (See column 1, lines 37-39.) Svanbro subsequently describes a technique for estimating time stamps when there is inactivity and lost context in the middle of a communication. (See column 3, lines 31-34.) Svanbro never describes or suggests extraction of a header from information extracted from initial call establishment negotiation. A word search of Svanbro reveals that it does not even contain the word “initial” or the word “establishment” or the word “negotiation.” Indeed, as noted above with respect to Jonsson, Svanbro does not even contain the word “call.” Thus, Svanbro

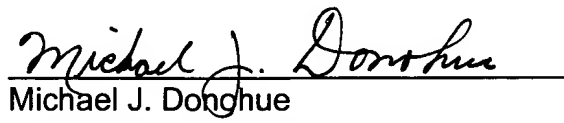
clearly does not teach or suggest any extraction of a header from information extracted from such an initial call establishment negotiation. As such, independent claims 1, 7, 9, 17, and 25 are clearly allowable over the combination of Jonsson and Svanbro. Dependent claim 2-6 are allowable in view of the fact that they depend from claim 1, and further in view of the recitation within each of those claims. Claim 8 is clearly allowable in view of the fact it depends from claim 7, and further in view of the recitation within that claim. Claims 10-16 are clearly allowable in view of the fact that they depend from claim 9, and further in view of the recitation within each of those claims. Claims 18-24 are clearly allowable in view of the fact that they depend from claim 17, and further in view of the recitation in each of those claims. Claims 26-31 are allowable in view of the fact that they depend from claim 25, and further in view of the recitation in each of those claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the subject application and its allowance are kindly requested. The applicants have made a good faith effort to place all claims in condition for allowance. If questions remain regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

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